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This is evidently the time for the young men to come forward and take upon themselves the responsibilities that mark the good citizen. There are a goodly number now in business or following profitable trades here in this city who are doing well, rearing families and securing homes.

Such should be made mention of and thus be given the encouragement that comes of kindly notice taken and which is as helpful as the miles stones along the way or the clock that marks the hour of day.

With all due deference for our seniors we feel that they need not fear to lend all possible aid to our young men. A few months ago in effort was made to establish for the colored people a Y.M.C.A. and erect a building. It struggled but finally gave up. In a short while another move will be made in the same direction. What will be the attitude of the fathers at this time remains to be seen.

Let us not abuse our opportunities. All must share alike the failures as readily as to claim the benefits from public enterprises.

At a meeting of Emancipation Celebration Committee, held at the residence of Mrs. M. S. Blackburn Thursday night, a program was arranged and placed selected to hold the local celebration of the 49th anniversary of Negro emancipation in the U. S. A.

A strong program will be presented, and the past achievements, present condition, and the future outlook will be discussed by Rev. R. E. Hathaway, representing the soldiers, and Rev. W. Augustus Jones for the citizens.

A mammoth parade of all the uniformed lodges in the city, headed by Hamilton's Military Band, it is hoped, will add a new and interesting feature to the old soldiers' annual dirge upon this occasion.

A committee on place of meeting was given permanent form, and this committee is to hold itself in readiness to find ampler accommodations if prospects for an overflow meeting present themselves, and any danger of a congestion is apparent.

It is hoped that the celebration this year will eclipse all former records. It is laid upon the lines

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of local benefits and local interest free from every iota of personal enhancement or petty fears.

Mr. H. A. Tandy has been assigned the complete charge of all musical arrangements, and this feature will be well cared for. Following is the program:

Reading Proclamation by Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, for Women's Relief Corps.  
Solo by Miss Josephine Lee, for Auxiliary Sons of Veterans.  
Paper by Mrs. Mary Thompson.  
Remarks by Mr. Wm. Simpson.  
DR. W. H. BALLARD, Pres.  
MRS. M. S. BLACKBURN, Acting Sec'y.

ST. ANDREW'S NOTES  
An informal reception was given in honor of Rev. J. M. Mundy Thursday evening at the residence of Miss Margaret Hummors. A general invitation was extended to all friends of St. Andrew's church.

The evening was greatly enjoyed. Between forty and fifty guests were present.

The Kindergarten of St. Andrew's Church will give an entertainment at Ladies' Hall on Tuesday night, December 19. Admission 10 cents.

Rev. J. M. Mundy returned to his home in Henderson, Ky., Friday after a very successful ten days' mission at St. Andrew's Church.

FIRST BAPTIST NOTES  
There was a mortgage burning at the First Baptist Church last Sunday night. The church is now entirely free from the old debt that embarrassed the work at the time when the present pastor, Rev. W. Augustus Jones, was called to take charge.

The Bara a Philathea Class will listen to their annual sermon preached this year by Rev. E. A. Clarke, of the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, on Sunday December 24, at 2:30 p. m. All are invited to be present to hear his message.

The new calendars for the First Baptist Church for the year 1912 have been received and are now ready for distribution. They are more attractive than any used before showing an interesting cut of the pastor and a brief history of the church and other valued information.

Rev. W. A. Jones and Rev. E. L. Baskerville were the first to respond to the Standard's call giving special invitation to our citizens to make contribution of news, clippings or discourse for publication from time to time. These gentlemen and good citizens are leaders of leaders. Some men know for themselves what they should do. Others are born to follow and though they occupy places of leadership yet they are passive and belong to that class that usually say afterward "I told you so."

"Tell Them"

Don't forget to tell the Merchant who appreciates colored citizen's trade also, that you "just" saw his Ad' in the STANDARD.

## Great Banquet

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readship of Jesus of Nazareth and the twelve disciples made possible our glorious Christian civilization.

"The evolution of true human democracy and human brotherhood has been going on for centuries, and the process is still going on, and will continue until everywhere the world over, man to man, a brother shall be for a' that, for a' that. The time will come when the world will little care for the man of race or color, but will rate him just in proportion as he has made his life useful and honorable and has contributed in the smallest degree to the progress and uplift of Christianity.

"This banquet, this honor, Mr. Toastmaster, I cannot take and will not take as purely personal. It was meant as much for the office as the man. The high honor of which I hold the more naked title was meant for you, and the words of our President, 'as a recognition of the progress of the race and an encouragement for the future,' I am only the conduit, a mere accident.

"I have only one ambition—so to administer the office as to justify the President's selection and the bestowal of this honor upon our race, and so to act in all things as not only to reflect any discredit upon the administration and the race and country, but to reflect the highest possible credit there may be in my humble ability.

"I ask you to rise and drink the toast to the President of the United States, our country and our cause."

Chairman Charles Hall read the following letter from President Taft:

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, Nov. 27, 1911.  
Mr. Chas. E. Hall,  
Chm'n Ex. Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:  
The President has asked me to thank you warmly for the kind invitation which you extend to him in your letter of November 22d and to assure you of his appreciation of your courtesy. While he regrets that he will not be able to be present at the banquet which is being tendered to Assistant Attorney General Lewis to-night, the President would be glad to have you convey his good wishes to the guest of honor and those assembled in compliment to him, and give expression to his hope that all may have a most enjoyable evening.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed)  
CHARLES D. HILLES,  
Secretary to the President.

Chairman Hall also read the following letter from Attorney General Wickersham:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, Nov. 24, 1911.  
Charles E. Hall, Esq.,  
Chairman Ex. Committee,  
617 U Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:  
I am gratified to learn that a reception and banquet is to be tendered to Assistant Attorney General Lewis next Monday evening. This recognition of Mr. Lewis is well merited, as his appointment is perhaps the most distinguished selection of one of his race that has been made for any public office in the United States. The position of Assistant Attorney General is one of great dignity and responsibility, which Mr. Lewis' connection with the Government in the past has furnished assurances will be fully met and discharged by him. I beg that you will allow me to add my best wishes to the many greetings that will be given him at your banquet, and to express the great interest which I have ever felt in the welfare of the race of which he is so eminent a representative.

Faithfully yours,  
(Signed)  
GEO. W. WICKERSHAM,  
Attorney General.

Dr. Booker T. Washington sent a telegram regretting that he could not be present on account of a previous engagement, and Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson likewise sent his regrets, being detained in Atlanta on important legal business.

Failure of the gas Friday and Saturday caused the STANDARD to hold over to Monday before going to press.

## CHICAGO NEGROES

Making Better Progress than  
Those Elsewhere in the  
Country.

Many writers have advanced theories and reasons for so-called race question conditions. The subject has been studied in every section of America with but little success, for the very reason that humanity is not subject to rules, but responds only to the primal laws of nature.

The Negro, being after all a human being, has simply ascribed such knowledge as has been offered him in the different communities in which he happened to have his being. For this reason Chicago and the surrounding territory have shown more advance than any other portion of the United States. Chicago's great industrial institutions needed labor. During the period between 1870 and 1890 immigration from the South responded to the call. The Negro who came worked side by side with the foreign-born laborer under supervision of Yankee bosses. From the one he learned by actual contact how to work steadily, how to use his wages thriftily, the beauties of a home, and a definite system of savings. From the latter he acquired a true knowledge of the word liberty, a proper dignity, and a manly bearing.

The Chicago stock yards have been responsible for more Negroes becoming taxpayers than any other institution in this land, excepting possibly the Pullman company.

Contrast the horizon of these men with that of Eastern Negroes, nearly always servants at hotels, clubs or homes, where the nature of their employment brought to their view nothing but ease, splendor of garment, surroundings and extravagance. The Eastern "boy" saw "Mr. George" during his hours of recreation and imitated him. He saw the top of society's structure without knowing its foundation, as did the Chicago boy. Without that influence and without the paternalism of the Southland, the Chicago Negro developed a business ability based upon economy and willingness to work.

These seemed to be the foundations upon which is built Chicago's black citizenship.

Another primitive law prevails there. That is "Birds of feather," etc. Notwithstanding any restaurant in town will serve a Negro, none need to, for in that territory, between Twelfth and Fifth Streets, along Washburn, State, Dearborn and Armour, can be duplicated—any downtown restaurant's bill of fare. State Street has its Pekin Theater as well as several smaller ones, its bank of \$200,000 capitalization, real estate, concerns, department stores, hotels, small shops, even its own colony of artists, an incorporated concern that does a mail order business, its lodges that own their buildings and its churches their own edifices. A steam laundry is owned and operated by an individual. As a purely industrial matter I can mention 35 saloons owned outright by Negroes and catering to their own trade. And the whiskey business is not out of proportion to the other lines of business.

Dentists, physicians and attorneys are plentiful and average well.

As I said before, this business and professional structure rests upon a solid foundation of labor. Asphalt paving gangs and railway construction gangs send into Chicago to their families twenty-two hundred and fifty million dollars per year. The stock yards concern get blank receipts for over six hundred dollars annually.

Railways out of Chicago send to the State Street merchants a half million in hard earned wages via Negro employees.

With such an industrial showing and paying taxes on two million dollars' worth of property, owning five hundred thousand dollars worth of stock in these corporations of their own, it is really no surprise that the Negro is more in evidence in public service in Chicago than anywhere else in this country.

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## Atty. Chiles

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EDITOR OF THE STANDARD:  
The political contest is now over. I hope now to see what, if anything, will come to the Negro from either party. Under the Republican State administration, please inform me, what more was given to him than under the Democratic administration? Please enumerate.

Well, I believe, "To the victor be long the spoils." By thus acting all will know exactly where we are. As it is, there is no certainty.

I know there is great "talk" about taking this and that out of politics, but what good does that do? If by taking a certain measure out of politics, more good will result, and there will be fairness to all, I say then take such out of politics. But if by so doing "all things continue as they were" then I again say "To the victor be long the spoils."

When this is applied, I feel confident that more good will result to the Negro, especially. As it is, he gets but little either way matters go, because he does not make himself felt.

I know, dear sir, that some fear "Negro domination" etc., but to all fair-minded people it is apparent that this is only manifest weakness of those who cry such when everyone can see that they have all on their side—numbers, power and means.

Please let me know what you are going to do about keeping up the STANDARD. Why do you not send it to me regularly as you used to do, and as you ought?

You must not forget that "Wm" talks a great deal about "race pride, race pride," but when we come to doing it, showing it, "we pass by on the other side." Now please inform me which you prefer, the talking man and those who do nothing or very little to help their race, or the people who do little talking about race pride but show theirs by supporting same and helping in every way they can?

Now, dear sir, please take suggestion. If you expect to make your paper a success, cease waiting for others to join in and help you, but throw yourself into your paper and go ahead. Be assured of this: That I will give you my support.

As a people we are too much like Dr. Washington says, we have too much of the crab instinct. We do not like to see one another succeed. Unless you are of my lodge, church or order, or a member of everything I get up, I will not do anything to help you, but I will give my work, thereby my means, to help the other races, so that they may continue to give respectable employment not to our children, etc., and keep you only havers of wood and drawers of water. It is time now that we become a right race thinking people, and begin at least, to act for our best good, then for the community. This the other races are doing; this we must do. This done, then they will have greater respect for us.

Now remember that I am here. If you have any work in my business, give me an opportunity to do it for you. If this be done then there will be no just complaint. But for you or any of us to talk race pride, and then act to the contrary, it is only down-right hypocrisy.

Yours for the good of the race,  
J. ALEXANDER CHILES.

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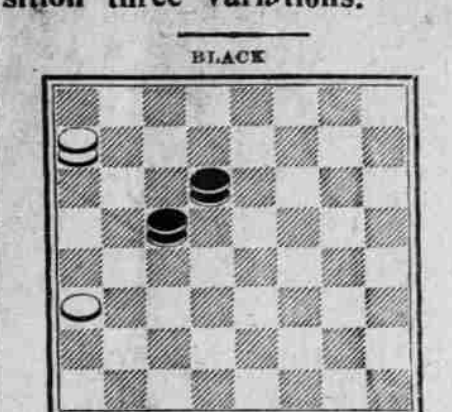
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